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FOR ISA SABBAGH FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: PR ADVISER

REF: JIDDA 4315

1. WHEN I MET WITH SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA, JUNE 20,
I MENTIONED WOODS/POULAIN/WARREN SCHEDULE, AND SADAT
WAS QUITE SATISFIED. UNFORTUNATELY, HE WILL BE OUT
OF COUNTRY WHEN WOODS/POULAIN ARRIVE, AND IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT NASSAR AND HIMMET MUSTAFA
MAY ALSO NOT RETURN UNTIL JULY 10. THEREFORE, SUGGEST
THAT WOODS/POULAIN ARRIVE ON WEEKEND OF JULY 9/10.

2. WHILE US EXPERTS MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO SUBMIT
FORMAL REPORT, I THINK LESS EMPHASIS OUGHT TO BE
PLACED ON PREPARATION SUCH A DOCUMENT AND MORE ON
GIVING NEEDED OJT-TYPE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL
TIPS TO NASSAR/MUSTAFA. IF THEY CAN SHARPEN THE PR
OPERATION OF THE PRESIDENCY THROUGH SUCH TIPS, SOMETHING
WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. THEY CAN PERHAPS
CODIFY THESE TIPS IN SOME KIND OF A DOCUMENT AT THE
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END OF THEIR STAY AND, IF THEY DEEM IT DESIRABLE, MAKE
SOME RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT A FORMAL REPORT, I FEAR, WILL
SIMPLY GATHER DUST.

3. I WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME YOUR STOPPING BY IN
CAIRO FOR A FEW DAYS TDY ON YOUR WAY BACK TO JIDDA,
BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE WRONG TO CAST SUCH A VISIT IN

TERMS OF STUDYING THE EXPERTS' REPORT. AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING SENT ARE EXPERTS WITH CONSIDERABLE WHITE HOUSE EXPERIENCE. NOR DO I THINK WE OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE SADAT TO EXPECT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE THIS KIND OF SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENCY PR EFFORT. THERE COMES A POINT WHEN OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS MUST STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET. UNLESS THERE IS SOME OVER-RIDING CONSIDERATION AT THE TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE OFF ON THIS EFFORT AFTER OUR EXPERTS HAVE BEEN HERE AND ASSISTED THE PRESIDENCY GROUP.

4. YOUR PROPOSED STOP-OVER MIGHT BE USEFUL, HOWEVER, IN ASSESSING WHETHER THERE IS ANY APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENT IN NASSAR/MUSTAFA OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS A RESULT OF OUR TEAM'S EFFORTS. I AM SURE SADAT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE YOU. SUCH A MEETING WOULD OFFER OPPORTUNITY CHECK WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN YOUR REPORT.
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